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Maximum Monthly Allowable Income Standards and Basis of Coupon Issuance: Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam

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PART 271—PARTICIPATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS, FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWABLE INCOME STANDARDS AND BASIS OF COUPON ISSUANCE: ALASKA

Appendix B—Alaska

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises the maximum allowable income standards and basis of coupon issuance for Alaska appearing in Appendix B to Part 271 which were effective January 1, 1977. Semi-annual adjustments in coupon allotments, to reflect food price changes published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, are required by the Food Stamp Act. These adjustments will continue to provide households with coupon allotments sufficient to purchase nutritionally adequate diets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grant Tolley, Chief, Program Development Branch, Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, 202-447-8325.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 7(a) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, requires that the value of the coupon allotment be adjusted semi-annually by the nearest increment that is a multiple of two to reflect changes in the prices of food published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Under this provision, and adjustment based on the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan in February 1977 has been made in the coupon allotment for all except the one- and two-person households. The cost of food did not increase enough for a change in the coupon allotment for the one- and two-person households, since section 7(a) specifies that no such adjustment shall be made unless the increase in the coupon allotment is a minimum of $2.

Prior to the amendment to the Act requiring semi-annual adjustment of the value of the coupon allotment, the adjustments were made at the beginning of each fiscal year; i.e., in July based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding December. With the enactment of the semi-annual adjustments, the law specified that the first adjustment be made in January 1974 to reflect changes in the food prices through August 1973. Similar procedures have been used for subsequent semi-annual adjustments; i.e., the July adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding February and the January adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding August, as required by the Act. The income standards and coupon allotments set forth below are based on the allotment table adopted for the continental United States, adjusted for the cost of food in Alaska in February 1977.

Households in which all members are included in the federally-aided public assistance grant, general assistance grant, or supplemental security income benefit shall be determined to be eligible to participate in the program while receiving such grants without regard to the income and resources of the household members.

The maximum allowable standards for determining eligibility of all other applicant households, including those in which some members are recipients of federally-aided public assistance, general assistance, or supplemental security income benefit, in Alaska, shall be as follows:

Household size:	*Maximum allowable monthly income standards—Alaska*
One	[1] $307
Two	427
Three	614
Four	780
Five	927
Six	1,113
Seven	1,227
Eight	1,407
Each additional member	+173

[1] 1976 USDA Poverty Guideline.

"Income" as the term is used in the notice is as defined in paragraph (c) of § 271.3 of the Food Stamp Program Regulations.

Pursuant to sections 7 (a) and (b) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2016, Public Law 91-671), the face value of the monthly coupon allotment which the State agency is authorized to issue to any household certified as eligible to participate in the Program and the amount charged for the monthly coupon allotment in Alaska shall be as follows:

Monthly coupon allotments and purchase requirements—Alaska

Monthly net income	For a household of— 1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
	The monthly coupon allotment is—							
	$70	$128	$184	$234	$278	$334	$368	$422
	And the monthly purchase requirement is—							
0 to $19.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$20 to $29.99	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$30 to $39.99	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
$40 to $49.99	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
$50 to $59.99	8	10	10	10	11	11	12	12
$60 to $69.99	10	12	13	13	14	14	15	16
$70 to $79.99	12	15	16	16	17	17	18	19
$80 to $89.99	14	18	19	19	20	21	21	22
$90 to $99.99	16	21	21	22	23	24	25	26
$100 to $109.99	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
$110 to $119.99	21	26	27	28	29	31	32	33
$120 to $129.99	24	29	30	31	33	34	35	36
$130 to $139.99	27	32	33	34	35	37	38	39
$140 to $149.99	30	35	36	37	39	40	41	42
$150 to $169.99	33	38	40	41	42	43	44	45
$170 to $189.99	39	44	46	47	48	49	50	51
$190 to $209.99	45	50	52	53	54	55	56	57
$210 to $229.99	51	56	58	59	60	61	62	63
$230 to $249.99	56	62	64	65	66	67	68	69
$250 to $269.99	56	68	70	71	72	73	74	75
$270 to $289.99	56	74	76	77	78	79	80	81
$290 to $309.99	56	80	82	83	84	85	86	87
$310 to $329.99		86	88	89	90	91	92	93
$330 to $359.99		92	94	95	96	97	98	99
$360 to $389.99		101	103	104	105	106	107	108
$390 to $419.99		102	112	113	114	115	116	117
$420 to $449.99		102	121	122	123	124	125	126
$450 to $479.99			130	131	132	133	134	135
$480 to $509.99			139	140	141	142	143	144
$510 to $539.99			148	149	150	151	152	153
$540 to $569.99			157	158	159	160	161	162
$570 to $599.99			162	167	168	169	170	171
$600 to $629.99			162	176	177	178	179	180
$630 to $659.99				185	186	187	188	189
$660 to $689.99				194	195	196	197	198
$690 to $719.99				203	204	205	206	207
$720 to $749.99				206	213	214	215	216
$750 to $779.99				206	222	223	224	225
$780 to $809.99				206	231	232	233	234
$810 to $839.99					240	241	242	243
$840 to $869.99					248	250	251	252
$870 to $899.99					246	259	260	261
$900 to $929.99					246	268	269	270
$930 to $959.99						277	278	279
$960 to $989.99						286	287	288
$990 to $1,019.99						295	296	297
$1,020 to $1,049.99						298	305	306
$1,050 to $1,079.99						298	314	315
$1,080 to $1,109.99						298	323	324
$1,110 to $1,139.99						298	328	333
$1,140 to $1,169.99							328	342
$1,170 to $1,199.99							328	351
$1,200 to $1,229.99							328	360
$1,230 to $1,259.99								369
$1,260 to $1,289.99								378
$1,290 to $1,319.99								378
$1,320 to $1,349.99								378
$1,350 to $1,379.99								378
$1,380 to $1,409.99								378

For issuance to households of more than eight persons use the following formula:

A. *Value of the total allotment.* For each person in excess of eight, add $52 to the monthly coupon allotment for an eight-person household.

B. *Purchase requirement.* 1. Use the purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household for households with incomes of $1,289.99 or less per month.

2. For households with monthly incomes of $1,290 or more, use the following formula: For each $30 worth of monthly income (or portion thereof) over $1,289.99, add $9 to the monthly purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household with an income of $1,289.99.

3. To obtain maximum monthly purchase requirements for households of more than eight persons, add $48 for each person over eight to the maximum purchase requirement shown for an eight-person household.

The total monthly coupon allotments for some households are not divisible by four. This results in total coupon allotments of uneven dollar amounts for those households which choose to purchase one-fourth or three-fourths of their coupon allotment. For such households, the State agency shall round the face value of one-fourth or three-fourths of the total coupon allotment up to the next higher whole dollar amount and shall not change the purchase requirement for such allotment.

NOTE.—The Food and Nutrition Service has determined that this document contains a major proposal requiring preparation of an Economic Impact Statement under Executive Order 11821 and OMB Circular A-107 and certifies that an Economic Impact Statement has been prepared.

In view of the need for placing this notice into effect on July 1, 1977, and the lead-time needed by the State agency for implementation, it is hereby determined that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to give notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to this notice.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs, No. 10.551, Food Stamps.)

Dated: May 11, 1977.

CAROL TUCKER FOREMAN,
Assistant Secretary.

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PART 271—PARTICIPATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWABLE INCOME STANDARDS AND BASIS OF COUPON ISSUANCE: HAWAII

Appendix C—Hawaii

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises the maximum allowable income standards and basis of coupon issuance for Hawaii appearing in Appendix C to Part 271 which were effective January 1, 1977. Semi-annual adjustments in coupon allotments, to reflect food price changes published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, are required by the Food Stamp Act. These adjustments will continue to provide households with coupon allotments sufficient to purchase nutritionally adequate diets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grant Tolley, Chief, Program Development Branch, Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 (202-447-8325).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 7(a) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, requires that the value of the coupon allotment be adjusted semi-annually by the nearest increment that is a multiple of two to reflect changes in the prices of food published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Under this provision, an adjustment based on the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan in February 1977 has been made in the coupon allotment for all households.

Prior to the amendment to the Act requiring semi-annual adjustment of the value of the coupon allotment, the adjustments were made at the beginning of each fiscal year; i.e., in July based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding December. With the enactment of the semi-annual adjustments, the law specified that the first adjustment be made in January 1974 to reflect changes in the food prices through August 1973. Similar procedures have been used for subsequent semi-annual adjustments; i.e., the July adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding February and the January adjustment based on the cost of food plan in the preceding August, as required by the Act. The income standards and coupon allotments set forth below are based on the allotment table adopted for the continental United States, adjusted for the cost of food in Hawaii in February 1977.

Households in which all members are included in the federally-aided public assistance grant, general assistance grant, or supplemental security income benefit shall be determined to be eligible to participate in the program while receiving such grants without regard to the income and resources of the household members.

The maximum allowable income standards for determining eligibility of all other applicant households, including those in which some members are recipients of federally-aided public assistance, general assistance, or supplemental security income benefit, in Hawaii, shall be as follows:

Household size	*Maximum allowable monthly income standards—Hawaii*
One	[1] $273
Two	413
Three	593
Four	753
Five	893
Six	1,073
Seven	1,187
Eight	1,354
Each additional member	+166

[1] 1976 USDA Poverty Guideline.

"Income" as the term is used in the notice is as defined in paragraph (c) of § 271.3 of the Food Stamp Program Regulations.

Pursuant to sections 7 (a) and (b) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2016, Pub. L. 91-671), the face value of the monthly coupon allotment which the State agency is authorized to issue to any household certified as eligible to participate in the Program and the amount charged for the monthly coupon allotment in Hawaii shall be as follows:

***Monthly coupon allotments and purchase requirements**—Hawaii*

Monthly net income	For a household of—							
	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
	The monthly coupon allotment is—							
	$68	$124	$178	$226	$268	$322	$356	$406
	And the monthly purchase requirement is—							
0 to $19.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 to $29.99	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to $39.99	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
40 to $49.99	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
50 to $59.99	8	10	10	10	11	11	12	12
60 to $69.99	10	12	13	13	14	14	15	16
70 to $79.99	12	15	16	16	17	17	18	19
80 to $89.99	14	18	19	19	20	21	21	22
$90 to $99.99	16	21	21	22	23	24	25	26
$100 to $109.99	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
$110 to $119.99	21	26	27	28	29	31	32	33
$120 to $129.99	24	29	30	31	33	34	35	36
$130 to $139.99	27	32	33	34	36	37	38	39
$140 to $149.99	30	35	36	37	39	40	41	42
$150 to $169.99	33	38	40	41	42	43	44	45
$170 to $189.99	39	44	46	47	48	49	50	51
$190 to $209.99	45	50	52	53	54	55	56	57
$210 to $229.99	51	56	58	59	60	61	62	63
$230 to $249.99	54	62	64	65	66	67	68	69
$250 to $269.99	54	68	70	71	72	73	74	75
$270 to $289.99	54	74	76	77	78	79	80	81
$290 to $309.99		80	82	83	84	85	86	87
$310 to $329.99		86	88	89	90	91	92	93
$330 to $359.99		92	94	95	96	97	98	99
$360 to $389.99		96	103	104	105	106	107	108
$390 to $419.99		96	112	113	114	115	116	117
$420 to $449.99			121	122	123	124	125	126
$450 to $479.99			130	131	132	133	134	135
$480 to $509.99			139	140	141	142	143	144
$510 to $539.99			148	149	150	151	152	153
$540 to $569.99			156	158	159	160	161	162
$570 to $599.99			156	167	168	169	170	171

Monthly net income	For a household of—							
	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
	The monthly coupon allotment is—							
	$68	$124	$178	$226	$268	$322	$356	$400
	And the monthly purchase requirement is—							
$600 to $629.99				176	177	178	179	180
$630 to $659.99				185	186	187	188	189
$660 to $689.99				194	195	196	197	198
$690 to $719.99				198	204	205	206	207
$720 to $749.99				198	213	214	215	216
$750 to $779.99				198	222	223	224	225
$780 to $809.99					231	232	233	234
$810 to $839.99					236	241	242	243
$840 to $869.99					236	250	251	252
$870 to $899.99					236	259	260	261
$900 to $929.99						268	269	270
$930 to $959.99						277	278	279
$960 to $989.99						286	287	288
$990 to $1,019.99						286	296	297
$1,020 to $1,049.99						286	305	306
$1,050 to $1,079.99						286	314	315
$1,080 to $1,109.99							316	324
$1,110 to $1,139.99							316	333
$1,140 to $1,169.99							316	342
$1,170 to $1,199.99							316	351
$1,200 to $1,229.99								360
$1,230 to $1,259.99								362
$1,260 to $1,289.99								362
$1,290 to $1,319.99								362
$1,320 to $1,349.99								362
$1,350 to $1,379.99								362

For issuance to households of more than eight persons use the following formula:

A. *Value of the total allotment.* For each person in excess of eight, add $50 to the monthly coupon allotment for an eight-person household.

B. *Purchase requirement.* 1. Use the purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household for households with incomes of $1,229.99 or less per month.

2. For households with monthly incomes of $1,230 or more, use the following formula: For each $30 worth of monthly income (or portion thereof) over $1,229.99, add $9 to the monthly purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household with an income of $1,229.99.

3. To obtain maximum monthly purchase requirements for households of more than eight persons, add $46 for each person over eight to the maximum purchase requirement shown for an eight-person household.

The total monthly coupon allotments for some households are not divisible by four. This results in total coupon allotments of uneven dollar amounst for those households which choose to purchase one-fourth or three-fourths of their coupon allotment. For such households, the State agency shall round the face value of one-fourth or three-fourths of the total coupon allotment up to the next higher whole dollar amount and shall not change the purchase requirement for such allotment.

NOTE.—The Food and Nutrition Service has determined that this document contains a major proposal requiring preparation of an Economic Impact Statement under Executive Order 11821 and OMB Circular A-107 and certifies that an Economic Impact Statement has been prepared.

In view of the need for placing this notice into effect on July 1, 1977, and the lead-time needed by the State agency for implementation, it is hereby determined that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to give notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to this notice.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs, No. 10.551, Food Stamps.)

Dated: May 11, 1977.

CAROL TUCKER FOREMAN,
Assistant Secretary.

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Appendix D—Puerto Rico

[FSP No. 1977-4.2, Amendment 109]

PART 271—PARTICIPATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWABLE INCOME STANDARDS AND BASIS OF COUPON ISSUANCE: PUERTO RICO

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises the maximum allowable income standards and basis of coupon issuance for Puerto Rico appearing in Appendix D to Part 271 which were effective January 1, 1977. Semi-annual adjustments in coupon allotments, to reflect food price changes published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, are required by the Food Stamp Act. These adjustments will continue to provide households with coupon allotments sufficient to purchase nutritionally adequate diets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grant Tolley, Chief, Program Development Branch, Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, 202-447-8352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 5(b) of the Food Stamp Act requires the establishment of special standards of eligibility and coupon allotment schedules, not to exceed those in the fifty States, which reflect the average per capita income and cost of obtaining a nutritionally adequate diet in Puerto Rico.

Section 7(a) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, requires that the value of the coupon allotment be adjusted semi-annually by the nearest increment that is a multiple of two to reflect changes in the prices of food published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Under this provision, an adjustment based on the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan in February 1977 has been made in the coupon allotment for all households.

Prior to the amendment to the Act requiring semi-annual adjustment of the value of the coupon allotment, the adjustments were made at the beginning of each fiscal year; i.e., in July based on the cost of the economy food plan in the preceding December. With the enactment of the semi-annual adjustment, the law specified that the first adjustment be made in January 1974 to reflect changes in the food prices through August 1973. Similar procedures have been used for subsequent semi-annual adjustments; i.e., the July adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding February and the January adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding August, as required by the Act. The income standards and coupon allotments set forth below are based on the allotment table adopted for the continental United States, adjusted for the cost of food in Puerto Rico in February 1977.

Households in which all members are included in the federally-aided public assistance or general assistance grant shall be determined to be eligible to participate in the program while receiving such grants without regard to the income and resources of the household members.

The maximum allowable income standards for determining eligibility of all other applicant households, including those in which some members are recipients of federally-aided public assistance or general assistance, in Puerto Rico, shall be as follows:

Household size:	*Maximum allowable monthly income standards—Puerto Rico*
One	[1] $245
Two	[1] 322
Three	453
Four	573
Five	680
Six	820
Seven	900
Eight	1,033
Each additional member	+127

[1] 1976 USDA Poverty Guideline.

"Income" as the term is used in the notice is as defined in paragraph (c) of § 271.3 of the Food Stamp Program Regulations.

Pursuant to sections 7(a) and (b) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2016, Public Law 91-671), the face value of the monthly coupon allotment which the State agency is authorized to issue to any household certified as eligible to participate in the Program and the amounts charged for the monthly coupon allotment in Puerto Rico shall be as follows:

Monthly coupon allotments and purchase requirements—Puerto Rico

Monthly net income	For a household of—							
	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
	The monthly coupon allotment is—							
	$52	$94	$126	$172	$204	$246	$270	$310
	And the monthly purchase requirement is—							
0 to $19.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$20 to $29.99	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$30 to $39.99	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
$40 to $49.99	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
$50 to $59.99	8	10	10	10	11	11	12	12
$60 to $69.99	10	13	13	13	14	14	15	16
$70 to $79.99	12	15	16	16	17	17	18	19
$80 to $89.99	14	18	19	19	20	21	21	22
$90 to $99.99	16	21	21	22	23	24	25	25
$100 to $109.99	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
$110 to $119.99	21	26	27	28	29	31	32	33
$120 to $129.99	24	29	30	31	33	34	35	36
$130 to $139.99	27	32	33	34	36	37	38	39
$140 to $149.99	30	36	36	37	39	40	41	42
$150 to $169.99	33	38	40	41	42	43	44	45
$170 to $189.99	39	44	46	47	48	49	50	51
$190 to $209.99	42	50	52	53	54	55	56	57
$210 to $229.99	42	56	58	59	60	61	62	63
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$810 to $839.99						214	234	243
$840 to $869.99							234	252
$870 to $899.99							234	261
$900 to $929.99							234	270
$930 to $959.99								270
$960 to $989.99								270
$990 to $1,019.99								270
$1,020 to $1,049.99								270

For issuance to households of more than eight persons use the following formula:

A. *Value of the total allotment.* For each person in excess of eight, add $38 to the monthly coupon allotment for an eight-person household.

B. *Purchase requirement.* 1. Use the purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household for households with incomes of $929.99 or less per month.

2. For households with monthly incomes of $930 or more, use the following formula:

For each $30 worth of monthly income (or portion thereof) over $929.99, add $9 to the monthly purchase requirement for an eight-person household with an income of $929.99.

3. To obtain maximum monthly purchase requirements for households of more than eight persons, add $34 for each person over eight to the maximum purchase requirement shown for an eight-person household.

The total monthly coupon allotments for some households are not divisible by four. This results in total coupon allotments of uneven dollar amounts for those households which choose to purchase one-fourth or three-fourths of their coupon allotment. For such households, the State agency shall round the face value of one-fourth or three-fourths of the total coupon allotment up to the next higher whole dollar amount and shall not change the purchase requirement for such allotment.

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PART 271—PARTICIPATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWABLE INCOME STANDARDS AND BASIS OF COUPON ISSUANCE: VIRGIN ISLANDS

Appendix E—Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises the maximum allowable income standards and basis of coupon issuance for the Virgin Islands appearing in Appendix E to Part 271 which were effective January 1, 1977. Semi-annual adjustments in coupon allotments, to reflect food price changes published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, are required by the Food Stamp Act. These adjustments will continue to provide households with coupon allotments sufficient to purchase nutritionally adequate diets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grant Tolley, Chief, Program Development Branch, Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, 202-447-8352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 5(b) of the Food Stamp Act requires the establishment of special standards of eligibility and coupon allotment schedules, not to exceed those in the fifty States, which reflect the average per capita income and cost of obtaining a nutritionally adequate diet in the Virgin Islands.

Section 7(a) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, requires that the value of the coupon allotment be adjusted semi-annually by the nearest increment that is a multiple of two to reflect changes in the prices of food published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Under this provision, an adjustment based on the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan in February 1977 has been made in the coupon allotment for all except the one-person household. The cost of food did not increase enough for a change in the coupon allotment for the one-person household, since section 7(a) specifies that no such adjustment shall be made unless the increase in the coupon allotment is a minimum of $2.

Prior to the amendment to the Act requiring semi-annual adjustment of the value of the coupon allotment, the adjustments were made at the beginning of each fiscal year; i.e., in July based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding December. With the enactment of the semi-annual adjustment, the law specified that the first adjust-

ment be made in January 1974 to reflect changes in food prices through August 1973. Similar procedures have been used for subsequent semi-annual adjustments; i.e., the July adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding February and the January allotment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding August, as required by the Act. The income standards and coupon allotments set forth below are based on the allotment table adopted for the continental United States adjusted for the cost of food in the Virgin Islands in February 1977.

Households in which all members are included in the federally-aided public assistance grant or general assistance grant shall be determined to be eligible to participate in the program while receiving such grants without regard to the income and resources of the household members.

The maximum allowable income standards for determining eligibility of all other applicant households, including those in which some members are recipients of federally-aided public assistance or general assistance, in the Virgin Islands, shall be as follows:

Household size:	*Maximum allowable monthly income standards—Virgin Islands*
One	[1] $245
Two	393
Three	560
Four	713
Five	847
Six	1,013
Seven	1,127
Eight	1,287
Each additional member	+160

[1] 1976 USDA Poverty Guideline.

"Income" as the term is used in the notice is as defined in paragraph (c) of § 271.3 of the Food Stamp Program Regulations.

Pursuant to sections 7 (a) and (b) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2016, Public Law 91-671), the face value of the monthly coupon allotment which the State agency is authorized to issue to any household certified as eligible to participate in the Program and the amount charged for the monthly coupon allotment in the Virgin Islands shall be as follows:

Monthly coupon allotments and purchase requirements—Virgin Islands

Monthly net income	For a household of—							
	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
	The monthly coupon allotment is—							
	$64	$118	$168	$214	$254	$304	$338	$386
	And the monthly purchase requirement is—							
0 to $19.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$20 to $29.99	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$30 to $39.99	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
$40 to $49.99	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
$50 to $59.99	8	10	10	10	11	11	12	12
$60 to $69.99	10	12	13	13	14	14	15	16
$70 to $79.99	12	15	16	16	17	17	18	19
$80 to $89.99	14	18	19	19	20	21	21	22
$90 to $99.99	16	21	21	22	23	24	25	26
$100 to $109.99	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
$110 to $119.99	21	26	27	28	29	31	32	33
$120 to $129.99	24	29	30	31	33	34	35	36
$130 to $139.99	27	32	33	34	36	37	38	39
$140 to $149.99	30	35	36	37	39	40	41	42
$150 to $169.99	33	38	40	41	42	43	44	45
$170 to $189.99	39	44	46	47	48	49	50	51
$190 to $209.99	45	50	52	53	54	55	56	57
$210 to $229.99	50	56	58	59	60	61	62	63
$230 to $249.99	50	62	64	65	66	67	68	69
$250 to $269.99		68	70	71	72	73	74	75
$270 to $289.99		74	76	77	78	79	80	81
$290 to $309.99		80	82	83	84	85	86	87
$310 to $329.99		86	88	89	90	91	92	93
$330 to $359.99		92	94	95	96	97	98	99
$360 to $389.99		92	103	104	105	106	107	108
$390 to $419.99		92	112	113	114	115	116	117
$420 to $449.99			121	122	123	124	125	126
$450 to $479.99			130	131	132	133	134	135
$480 to $509.99			139	140	141	142	143	144
$510 to $539.99			146	149	150	151	152	153
$540 to $569.99			146	158	159	160	161	162
$570 to $599.99				167	168	169	170	171
$600 to $629.99				176	177	178	179	180
$630 to $659.99				185	186	187	188	189
$660 to $689.99				186	195	196	197	198
$690 to $719.99				186	204	205	206	207
$720 to $749.99					213	214	215	216
$750 to $779.99					222	223	224	225
$780 to $809.99					222	232	233	234
$810 to $839.99					222	241	242	243
$840 to $869.99					222	250	251	252
$870 to $899.99						259	260	261
$900 to $929.99						268	269	270
$930 to $959.99						268	278	279
$960 to $989.99						268	287	288
$990 to $1,019.99						268	296	297
$1,020 to $1,049.99							298	306
$1,050 to $1,079.99							298	315
$1,080 to $1,109.99							298	324
$1,110 to $1,139.99							298	333
$1,140 to $1,169.99								342
$1,170 to $1,199.99								342
$1,200 to $1,229.99								342
$1,230 to $1,259.99								343
$1,260 to $1,289.99								343

For issuance to households of more than eight persons use the following formula:

A. *Value of the total allotment.* For each person in excess of eight, add $48 to the monthly coupon allotment for an eight-person household.

B. *Purchase requirement.* 1. Use the purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household for households with incomes of $1,169.99 or less per month.

2. For households with monthly incomes of $1,170 or more, use the following formula: for each $30 worth of monthly income (or portion thereof) over $1,169.99, add $9 to the monthly purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household with an income of $1,169.99.

3. To obtain maximum monthly purchase requirements for households of more than eight persons, add $44 for each person over eight to the maximum purchase requirement shown for an eight-person household.

The total monthly coupon allotments for some households are not divisible by four. This results in total coupon allotments of uneven dollar amounts for those households which choose to purchase one-fourth or three-fourths of their coupon allotment. For such households, the State agency shall round the face value of one-fourth or three-fourths of the total coupon allotment up to the next higher whole dollar amount and shall not change the purchase requirement for such allotment.

NOTE.—The Food and Nutrition Service has determined that this document contains a major proposal requiring preparation of an Economic Impact Statement under Executive Order 11821 and OMB Circular A-107 and certifies that an Economic Impact Statement has been prepared.

In view of the need for placing this notice into effect July 1, 1977, and the lead-time needed by the State agency for implementation, it is hereby determined that it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest to give notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to this notice.

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PART 271—PARTICIPATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWABLE INCOME STANDARDS AND BASIS OF COUPON ISSUANCE: GUAM

Appendix F—Guam

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises the maximum allowable income standards and basis of coupon issuance for Guam appearing in Appendix F to Part 271 which were effective January 1, 1977. Semi-annual adjustments in coupon allotments, to reflect food price changes published by the Bureau of Labor Sta-

tistics, are required by the Food Stamp Act. These adjustments will continue to provide households with coupon allotments sufficient to purchase nutritionally adequate diets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grant Tolley, Chief, Program Development Branch, Food Stamp Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 (202-447-8325).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 5(b) of the Food Stamp Act requires the establishment of special standards of eligibility and coupon allotment schedules, not to exceed those in the fifty States, which reflect the average per capita income and cost of obtaining a nutritionally adequate diet in Guam.

Section 7(a) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, requires that the value of the coupon allotment be adjusted semi-annually by the nearest increment that is a multiple of two to reflect changes in the prices of food published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Under this provision, an adjustment based on the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan in February 1977 has been made in the coupon allotment for all except the one- and two-person households. The cost of food did not increase enough for a change in the coupon allotment for the one- and two-person households, since Section 7(a) specifies that no such adjustment shall be made unless the increase in the coupon allotment is a minimum of $2.00.

Prior to the amendment to the Act requiring semi-annual adjustment of the value of the coupon allotment, the adjustments were made at the beginning of each fiscal year; i.e., in July based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding December. With the enactment of the semi-annual adjustment, the law specified that the first adjustment be made in January 1974 to reflect changes in food prices through August 1973. Similar procedures have been used for subsequent semi-annual adjustments; i.e., the July adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding February and the July adjustment based on the cost of the food plan in the preceding August, as required by the Act. Based on prices provided for Guam, the Agricultural Research Service estimated that the allotment table adopted for the continental United States, adjusted for the cost of food in Guam would be higher than in the fifty States. Thus, the income standards (except for the one-person household which is the same as Hawaii), and the coupon allotments set forth for Guam are the same as those which will become effective in Alaska on July 1, 1977.

Households in which all members are included in the federally-aided public assistance grant or general assistance grant shall be determined to be eligible to participate in the program while receiving such grants without regard to the income and resources of the household members.

The maximum allowable income standards for determining eligibility of all other applicant households, including those in which some members are recipients of federally-aided public assistance, general assistance, or supplemental security income benefit, in Guam shall be as follows:

Household size:	*Maximum allowable monthly income standards—Guam*
One	[1] $273
Two	427
Three	614
Four	780
Five	927
Six	1,113
Seven	1,227
Eight	1,407
Each additional member	+173

[1] 1976 USDA Poverty Guideline.

"Income" as the term is used in the notice is as defined in paragraph (c) of § 271.3 of the Food Stamp Program Regulations.

Pursuant to sections 7 (a) and (b) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended, (7 U.S.C. 2016, Pub. L. 91-671), the face value of the monthly coupon allotment which the State agency is authorized to issue to any household certified as eligible to participate in the Program and the amount charged for the monthly coupon allotment in Guam shall be as follows:

Monthly coupon allotments and purchase requirements—Guam

Monthly net income	For a household of—							
	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
	The monthly coupon allotment is—							
	$70	$128	$184	$234	$278	$334	$368	$422
	And the monthly purchase requirement is—							
0 to $19.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$20 to $29.99	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$30 to $39.99	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
$40 to $49.99	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
$50 to $59.99	8	10	10	10	11	11	12	12
$60 to $69.99	10	12	13	13	14	14	15	16
$70 to $79.99	12	15	16	16	17	17	18	19
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$90 to $99.99	16	21	21	22	23	24	25	26
$100 to $109.99	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
$110 to $119.99	21	26	27	28	29	31	32	33
$120 to $129.99	24	29	30	31	33	34	35	36
$130 to $139.99	27	32	33	34	36	37	38	39
$140 to $149.99	30	35	36	37	39	40	41	42
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$190 to $209.99	45	50	52	53	54	55	56	57
$210 to $229.99	51	56	58	59	60	61	62	63
$230 to $249.99	56	62	64	65	66	67	68	69
$250 to $269.99	56	68	70	71	72	73	74	75
$270 to $289.99	56	74	76	77	78	79	80	81
$290 to $309.99		80	82	83	84	85	86	87
$310 to $329.99		86	88	89	90	91	92	93
$330 to $359.99		92	94	95	96	97	98	99

Monthly net income	For a household of—							
	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
	The monthly coupon allotment is—							
	$70	$128	$184	$234	$278	$334	$368	$422
	And the monthly purchase requirement is—							
$360 to $389.99		101	103	104	105	106	107	108
$390 to $419.99		102	112	113	114	115	116	117
$420 to $449.99		102	121	122	123	124	125	126
$450 to $479.99			130	131	132	133	134	135
$480 to $509.99			139	140	141	142	143	144
$510 to $539.99			148	149	150	151	152	153
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$1,080 to $1,109.99						298	323	324
$1,110 to $1,139.99						298	328	333
$1,140 to $1,169.99							328	342
$1,170 to $1,199.99							328	351
$1,200 to $1,229.99							328	360
$1,230 to $1,259.99								369
$1,260 to $1,289.99								378
$1,290 to $1,319.99								378
$1,320 to $1,349.99								378
$1,350 to $1,379.99								378
$1,380 to $1,400.99								378

For issuance to households of more than eight persons use the following formula:

A. *Value of the total allotment.* For each person in excess of eight, add $52 to the monthly coupon allotment for an eight-person household.

B. *Purchase requirement.* 1. Use the purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household for households with incomes of $1,289.99 or less per month.

2. For households with monthly incomes of $1,290 or more, use the following formula: For each $30 worth of monthly income (or portion thereof) over $1,289.99, add $9 to the monthly purchase requirement shown for the eight-person household with an income of $1,289.99.

3. To obtain maximum monthly purchase requirements for households of more than eight persons, add $48 for each person over eight to the maximum purchase requirement shown for an eight-person household.

The total monthly coupon allotments for some households are not divisible by four. This results in total coupon allotments of uneven dollar amounts for those households which choose to purchase one-fourth or three-fourths of their coupon allotment. For such households, the State agency shall round the face value of one-fourth or three-fourths of the total coupon allotment up to the next higher whole dollar amount and shall not change the purchase requirement for such allotment.

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